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CC: 02-6

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date: 10-12-07  
To: MARLENE H. DORTCH, SECRETARY  
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Re: FCC APPEAL  
Sender: ROBERT J. GIESKE

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# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Paulding Buildings  
Administration  
High School  
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Elementary  
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Paulding, Ohio 45879  
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Oakwood, Ohio 45873  
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Date: October 12, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Washington, DC 20554

Request for Waiver  
CC Docket No. 02-6

On August 2, 2007, the Paulding Exempted Village School District received five Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Requests from the Universal Service Administrative Company – Schools & Libraries Division. The following 471 Application Numbers and Funding Request Numbers were denied:

Funding Year	471 Number	FRN
1999-2000	117018	187229
2000-2001	161992	315205
2002-2003	300176	785105
2003-2004	349436	948843
2004-2005	390734	1070521

The district has been denied for the following reason: "Current deadline guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted." The district wishes to appeal these denials.

As a new Treasurer/CFO to the district in late February, 2007, I started to familiarize myself with the various grant revenues and expenditures. In the months of April and May 2007, I was reviewing the E-Rate grants to discover an instance detrimental to the district. The district had not ever received discounts on their bills from AT&T. The Schools & Libraries Division (SLD) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules state a district is supposed to be able to obtain discounts on phone bills. Our district has received discounts on awarded services from all other service providers. Our district's Technology Coordinator chose the discount option on Form 470. The previous

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Treasurer was unaware of the discount option as the Technology Coordinator handled all paperwork.

In May 2007, I called AT&T and the SLD. Researching the fact we had not received money, AT&T stated they did not give discounts on phone bills because a waiver was obtained from the FCC. In speaking with the State E-Rate Coordinator, he informed us that AT&T did receive a waiver until early 2007. AT&T has never communicated with Request for Waiver  
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the district about not providing the discount on bills option. If our district was informed by AT&T or the SLD that the discount option did not exist, our district would have filed the proper bear forms to obtain reimbursement. I guess the question could be raised as to why service providers do not inform customers if they do not provide FCC required discounts on bills.

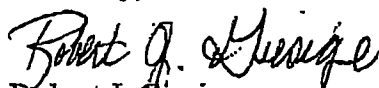
The district has applied and been approved for the above E-Rate funding in good faith. By not receiving the approved E-Rate monies, a hardship has been placed on the district. For the 2006 fiscal year, the district had a carryover balance of approximately \$100,000.00. The cost to pay employees for a two-week period is approximately \$350,000.00. The district had a school income tax levy fail. In order to keep the district's budget in the black, personnel have also been eliminated the last four years. In the interest of the taxpayers, my obligation is to try to obtain the district's E-Rate funding.

The amount of money requested by the district approaches \$13,500. This amount is approximately ten percent of the district's 2006 carryover. With many low wealth students, this amount is very significant to our small district.

On September 20, 2007, the SLD denied the appeal for an invoice deadline extension request for the following reason: Invoice Deadline Extension requests should be filed by the end of the relevant invoice receipt period for the service category of the FRN requiring an extension (120 days after the end of the service delivery date). You did not demonstrate in your appeal that you filed an extension request in a timely manner. Therefore, the appeal is denied.

We respectfully request that the FCC look on the school favorably and provide the file extensions to provide us the ability to file 472 bear forms for the funding requests listed above.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Giesige  
Treasurer/CFO

Company's Name:	Paulding Exempted Village School District
Billed Entity Name:	Paulding Exempted Village School District
Relevant Form App. #:	See Above
Billed Entity Number:	130155

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**USAC**

Universal Service Administrative Company

**Schools & Libraries Division****Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request**

September 20, 2007

Robert J. Giesige  
Paulding Exempted Village School District  
405 North Water Street  
Paulding, OH, 45879

Re: Your appeal of the denial of your invoice deadline extension request

471 Application Numbers: 117018, 161992, 300176, 390734, 349436  
Funding Request Number(s) 187229, 315205, 785105, 1070521, 948843  
Correspondence Dated: August 29, 2007

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal.

Funding Request Number(s): 187229, 315205, 785105, 1070521, 948843  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in Full**  
Explanation:

Current deadline guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted. Invoice Deadline Extension requests should be filed by the end of the relevant invoice receipt period for the service category of the FRN requiring an extension (120 days after the end of the service delivery date). You did not demonstrate in your appeal that you filed an extension request in a timely manner. Therefore, the appeal is denied.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the USAC/Schools and Libraries web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Thank you for your continued support of and participation in the E-rate program.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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